

FHF Umpires,

First of all, a big thanks to all the umpires for umpiring last week at such short notice.

Please review the Umpires Assignments for the next 4 weeks below. Please let me know ASAP if you are unable to officiate any of the matches assigned to you.

Please also review below, some of the things all umpires need to know / work on, in order to have consistency among all umpires in the application of league rules.

- ◆ **Match Balls** - Umpires should remember to take the game ball is available in the shed. (YOU MUST REMEMBER TO RETURN IT TO THE SHED AFTER THE MATCH ALONG WITH THE GAME CARD) If it is not available at the shed, the Home Team (listed first in the fixture) should provide the game ball. If that game ball is lost, the other team should provide the game ball.
- ◆ **Game Cards** - It is very important that you make sure that the Game Cards are **properly completed** by the team managers / captains **before** they hand the game cards to you. This includes the following:
  - Team Name
  - Captain Name
  - Goalkeeper Name
  - All Players names MUST include First & Last Names CLEARLY & in INK.
  - Only players who are present at the time the match starts should be on the game card. Any player late / not present should not be listed on the game card.
  - Make sure that you turn in the Game Card at the shed and do not accidentally take it home.
  - Players Jersey Numbers **must** be included on the game card.
  - You must note all Disciplinary Cards (Green, Yellow & Red) issued to players on the game cards.
  - Please note diagram below on how to properly complete the game card.
- ◆ Any team not in compliance with the rules concerning handing the umpires a proper game card must be made to start a man short (behind the goals) until a properly completed game card is given to the umpires.
- ◆ **Registration Cards** – Umpires **must** check the registration cards of all players prior to the start of the match.
- ◆ **Free Hits Update**
  - On free hits awarded to the attacking team inside their opponents half, players from both sides must be 5 yards from the ball (except the player putting the ball into play).
  - On free hits awarded to the attacking team inside their opponents half, the ball must move 5 yards from the spot of the foul before a goal can be scored.
- ◆ **Substitutions** – Please make sure to have a pep talk with the Captains before the start of the match to let them know that you will be watching for proper substitutions. Repeat violations of this rule should result in a penalty corner against the team with a possible yellow card.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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